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In re Patent Application of:
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For: ELECTROPOLISHED PATTERNED METAL
LAYER FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

Examiner: T. T. Doan

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2006, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in light of the following:

Claims 29-32, 34-39, 41, 44-47, 49, and 51-64 are pending in the application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 29-32, 34, and 35.

Claims 55-58 and 60-64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Xing et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,090,697) in view of Aoki et. al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,033,953). The rejection is respectfully traversed.